

## RESEARCH CLINIC

### General information

Supervisor:	Diana Branduse
Title of clinic:	Rule of Law, Parties and Legislatures in Central and Eastern Europe
Number of students:	3
Major ( <i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i> ):	
(Pre)requisites ( <i>if applicable</i> ):	

### Research context

This research clinic is focused on the dynamic and interrelationships between legislatures, parties and the rule of law in Central and Eastern Europe. With the additional issues of corruption and EU membership looming in the background, contemporary developments raise a number of interesting and relevant questions about the manner in which various partisan, institutional and rule of law dimensions interact. The goal of this research clinic is to systematically evaluate the state of the art in the literature surrounding a core set of research questions related to these interactions and to then identify and investigate promising arguments for moving forward.

### Students' tasks and activities

The student participants in this research clinic will have the opportunity to gain experience in tasks that are central to any research process, with a particular emphasis on the systematic evaluation of and collection of literature. Throughout the research clinic we will pursue a core set of research questions, with a clear division of tasks for each student and we will meet regularly to discuss and update our findings and aims. In terms of assessment, each student will have to submit an individual final report which summarizes their main contributions to the research clinic and which is also a self-reflection on the process itself and the skills they have gained and on the challenges they have faced as part of the research clinic.